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City Manager, Steve Lewis signed a proclamation that officially ends the City's mandatory water conservation as of August 20, 2012. However, he adds these words of caution, "While we are pleased the temperatures have lowered and the water demand has lessened, Oklahoma remains in a serious drought."

The City encourages residents and businesses to continue watering practices learned during mandatory conservation. These practices include outdoor watering no more than every other day if at all and setting timed sprinklers for late night or early morning operation. Further, the City asks that citizens concentrate watering efforts on trees, shrubs and cool-weather grasses that will die if not watered. Make sure sprinklers water the grass and not the concrete and avoid watering when it's windy.

Since extreme temperatures could occur through the summer, residents are urged to continue to follow the voluntary water conservation schedule to help with water conservation efforts. The City of Norman will continue to monitor the drought and should conditions warrant, mandatory water conservation could be reinstated.